Luna & Joshua 281 Chapter 281 "You?" Luna said nothing else when she realized it was Joshua who entered. She shut the door to the room and leaned against the door. She looked at him coldly. "It's late. What are you doing here instead of being with the missus, Mr. Lynch?" It did not faze her that Joshua managed to locate her. After all, with his power in Banyan City, locating her whereabouts was a piece of cake. Joshua leaned back on the sofa and was rather pleased. He saw how she reacted. When Luna did not recognize who it was that entered, she thought it was Theo instead and got angry. However, when Luna realized it was Joshua, her hostility immediately vanished. She was even quite relieved.

Her reaction proved that he was a trustworthy person in her heart.

Far more than Theo, at least. "I'm here to apologize."

Apologize? Luna furrowed her brows. "About how your grandmother destroyed my design sketches?"

She took a deep breath. "You've already repaid me with a two—day grace period."

Then, she coldly swept Joshua a glance. "Are there any other matters?"

Joshua switched into an even more comfortable position on the sofa.

He looked at her with his deep gaze. "I've already settled the news. As of half an hour ago, news about

that day had vanished completely from the internet."

Luna momentarily paused before she recalled how she had warned Joshua to deal with the issue back

at the office. Otherwise, she would expose the surveillance footage.

At that thought, she chuckled self-deprecatingly. "Here I was, wondering if Mrs. Lynch would get angry

since you left her home alone. It looks like she won't because, after all, you came out because of her.

No need to fret, Mr. Lynch. As long as you agree to my demands, I won't expose the footage."

Joshua furrowed his brows at her aloofness. "Alice doesn't know I'm here."

Luna furrowed her brows. "You're planning to sacrifice for her secretly? Or do you want me to let Mrs.

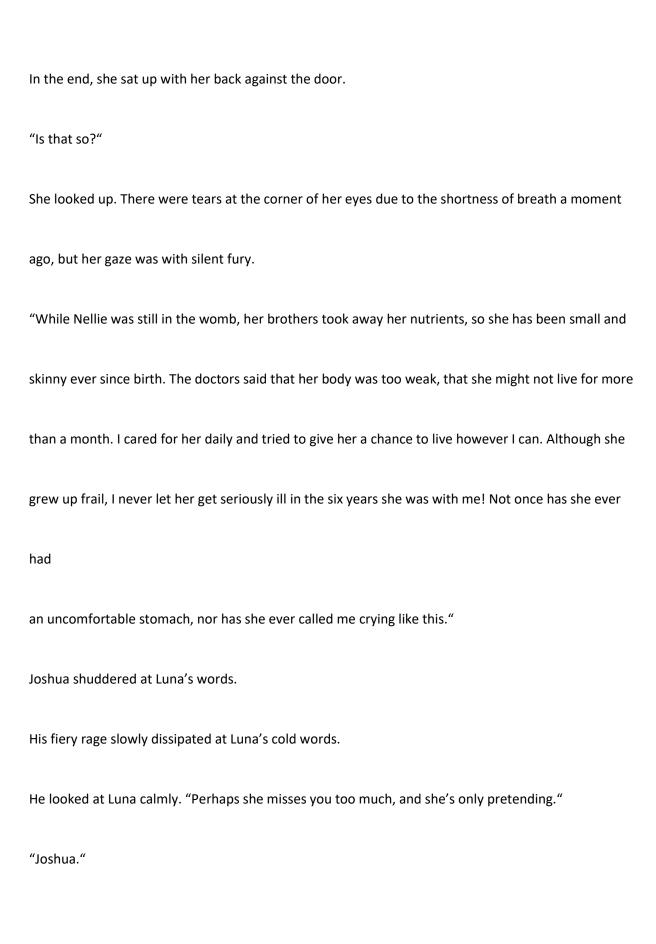
Lynch know how great you're treating her?"

"Luna! " Joshua could not take any of Luna's peculiar behavior.

He glared at Luna angrily. "Must you talk to me like that? Even if we're no longer in a relationship like
we once were, we're still considered work colleagues and friends, aren't we? Do you have to talk to me
like that?"
Luna stared at him, her clear eyes glazed with frost.
After a long time, she looked at her face and enunciated, "Who said anything about being friends?"
He was not worthy of being her friend; he never treated her sincerely from the beginning. Was he
worthy of being her friend?
"Leave."
She took a step back and immediately opened the room door.
"Leave."
Luna was initially in a good mood from moving house that day. Just when she was moving the final bits
and pieces, she received Nellie's call.
That phone call made her heart sink to the bottom.
Even Theo could see that something was off with Luna. He did not enter and helped her unpack, yet
Joshua dared to tell her to her face that she had an attitude?



Her detest and hostility toward him were written all over her face.
Joshua hated Luna like that.
He hated the mockery and indifference in her eyes. He hated that she did not have any regard for him.
He could not help but constrict his grip on her neck even tighter.
"I wanted to properly apologize to you today and also discuss Neil and Nellie."
Neil and Nellie. Luna's heart lurched as Joshua mentioned those two names.
She closed her eyes as her voice trembled, "Don't you dare mention Neil and Nellie. You're not worthy
of them."
He clutched Luna even tighter.
Joshua was strong; so strong that he could have snapped Luna's neck in two.
Luna bore through the pain. She forced herself to breathe and continued, "I received Nellie's call
tonight. She cried on the phone, sobbing at how uncomfortable her stomach is."
The next second, he let go of Luna and coldly looked away. "She didn't even have dinner, so that's why
her stomach would be uncomfortable."
When he let her go, Luna slumped onto the ground and leaned against the door feebly.

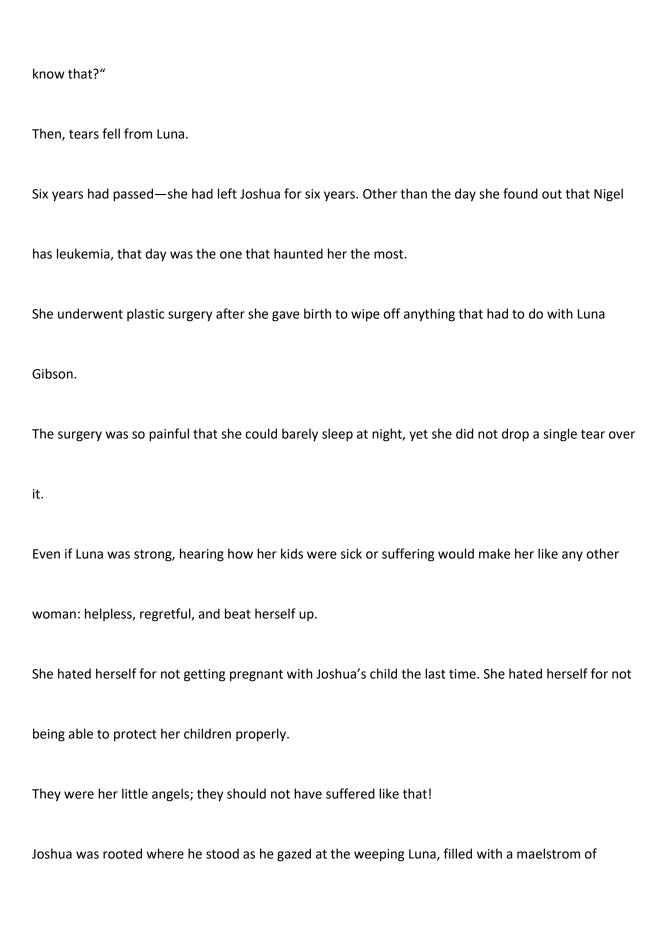


Luna wiped the tears away from her face. "You're just not willing to admit that you and Mrs. Lynch didn't take good care of my daughter. You forbade them to have any snacks, fruits, or milk. You forced them to eat according to the time the adults eat. No. It wasn't eating on time—it was to wait for you to come back before eating. If you don't come back, they'll have to starve." Joshua furrowed his brows. He installed a signal jammer back home. He knew Neil and Nellie were communicating with Luna, but he turned a blind eye to it. However, he did not expect that the two of them would tell all these to her. "I've already gotten Alice to change yesterday. Isn't it different already today?" "Yes! It is different from yesterday! " Luna glared at Joshua angrily. "Today, you fed them snacks that are difficult for children to digest. It was only when they could no longer have any that you stopped! Their stomachs suffered so much, and

that was why they went upstairs, yet you dare accuse them of not having dinner in front of me! If I

let Lily prepare some medication for them in time, they would've spent the night at the hospital, do you

didn't



emotions instantly.

He took a deep breath and was about to leave. "I'll go back and check up on them right now."

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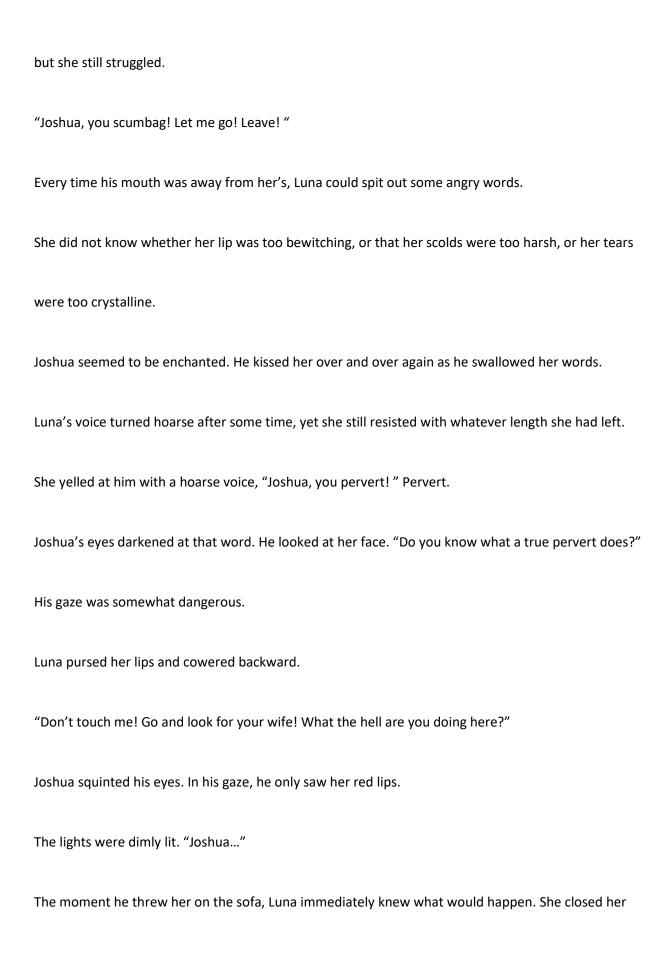
Luna lifted her head and looked at Joshua. She sneered, "How pretentious. They've already gone to bed after medication. What's the use of you going back now? Are you going to wake them up and then reprimand them for telling me this? It's true. You've long said to not let Neil and Nellie contact me. You don't want me to be in touch with them! However, you also said that you'd take good care of them. Is this how you take good care of them?"

Every word was like a sharp blade that stabbed into Joshua.

He furrowed his brows and tried his best to explain himself. "I knew nothing of this! When I 'm home, they told me that they didn't want any dinner. I didn't know what happened to them! " he said with helplessness and anger. "You don't have to push all the blame to me and get angry with me! "

He then lowered his head and looked at Luna as he tried to remain calm. "First, I don't know if this is true or not; the kids might be exaggerating. Alice is their mother, and she wouldn't treat them that way. Even if she did, that must be because of her mentality and differences in education. No one would

torture their children for no reason." Luna looked up and looked at Joshua loathingly. "No one? You're one of them." Her defiant ways made Joshua even more infuriated. He did not want to treat her too badly, but he could not stand her irrational, harsh words. Eyeing her red lips, he truly wanted to bite them so she could no longer accuse him. He did just that. Joshua bent down. He pressed onto her arm with one hand while he placed the other palm on the door as he brutally kissed her. Luna widened her eyes at the sudden kiss. She did not expect that Joshua would kiss her, let alone under such circumstances. Luna's brain went blank. After a while, she came to her senses. She went berserk as she struggled. She punched and kicked, using all possible ways to resist him and insult him. However, the disparity of strength between them was too huge. She could not even push him away. Luna was pinned to the door tightly. In the end, her body could barely even move a single centimeter,



eyes as she inwardly resisted. Her reason told her that she had to submit to Joshua for Nigel's sickness. However, her heart told her that he was not worthy of her. He was a scumbag! Chapter 284 Forget about that. Luna closed her eyes and told herself to take it all in as a mere dream. In her dream, he was still the Joshua she was once head over heels for. She told herself to treat it as facing adversity for Nigel's sake. Luna mocked, "You already have Mrs. Lynch. Isn't that enough?" Joshua's eyes darkened. Flustered yet enraged, he bit her lower lip harshly. "I was busy for the past few days, and she's been unavailable these few days. Are you happy with the answer?"

Luna chuckled in his ear. "So you only came to find me because she's unavailable?"

Joshua's eyes darkened. Wordlessly, he hugged her tightly and buried his head in her neck tiredly.

Perhaps he was no longer that close to Alice anymore during their six years apart. Perhaps he only

He had no answer to that question.

loved the version of Luna Gibson six years ago, not the present Alice. No matter what, his reasoning told him that he had to be close to Alice sexually whenever he faced her, but his body always resisted unconsciously. Luna, on the other hand... Reason told him that he could not get close to her nor have any sexual relationships with her, but he could not control his body. After a period of long silence, Luna took a deep breath and flatly called out his name, "Joshua." Joshua said nothing. The only thing that replied to her was his even, regular breathing. He fell asleep. Like countless nights six years back, he hugged her and fell asleep, breathing her scent from her neck. Luna sighed and carefully pried his hands apart. She got out of his arms. The lights in the room were dim. Under the dim lights, she watched as Joshua slept silently in exhaustion. Her eyes were filled with abhor. He dared sleep so soundly in front of her. There was a knife in the kitchen. As long as she picked up the knife and swiftly slashed down, she

could avenge the Luna Gibson six years ago who almost lost her and her babies' lives. There would be an end to the endless torture she suffered all these years. In the end, she let out a long sigh. She took a thin blanket from her luggage and put it over Joshua. Then, Luna got up and returned to her bedroom. Nigel was not cured yet. Joshua could not just die like that. That night, because Joshua slept on the sofa, Luna did not sleep well. Joshua, on the other hand, slept all too well. Ever since Alice returned to his side, he pretended to be busy working overtime to avoid some issues. With that, he never slept soundly for the past few nights. The next morning, Joshua was woken up from his sweet dreams by the ringing of his phone. On the other end of the call was Alice who sounded aggrieved, "Joshua, where were you last night?" Joshua stretched lazily on the sofa. "What's going on?" "I 've been looking for you for the entire night. You weren't in your study nor in the guest room. I

you might be working late at the office, so I rushed over to the office in the middle of the night, but you

thought

weren't there either. Where did you go?"

the views of yesterday's story! "

Joshua did not answer her question. "Is there anything?"

"Hmm." Alice sniffled once or twice aggrievedly. "Have a look at the internet. Didn't you say that as long as all the news defaming Luna on the internet is removed, Luna won't make the surveillance video public? Someone posted the surveillance footage of the art gallery that day anonymously around ten last night! The PR company I found couldn't get rid of the video. It's now getting more than three times

Alice sobbed a little at the other end of the call. "Everyone is berating me now! Joshua, what should I do?"

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Joshua rubbed the middle of his brows as a splitting headache tormented him.

He did not have any alcohol the night before, but he felt dizzy as if it was a hangover.

Alice panicked when Joshua said not a word to her. "Joshua, are you still angry at me? I genuinely know what I did wrong. Jealousy blinded me. I saw how Luna could work together with you at Lynch

Group, s o I became resentful and jealous. I've been reflecting after leaving with you last night, and I
was wrong. I shouldn't have hired a PR company to further boost the news just because someone
broke the news. I already got them to stop around eight. You must've seen it too, but around ten,
someone posted the surveillance footage of that day anonymously. The video is making rounds now,
and more and more people are rebuking me. What should I do?"
Joshua furrowed his brows. "I'll check on it."
"Hmm." Alice sniffled a little as she croaked, "Let me know how it goes. If it's Luna, I'll be willing to
apologize to her in person."
"Hmm." Joshua paused for a while. Just when Alice was about to hang up the call, he called after her, "
Where are Neil and Nellie?"
That took Alice by mild surprise.
"T—They shouldshould be at kindergarten?"
"Is that so?"
Joshua lifted his head and looked at the calendar on Luna's coffee table. It clearly stated that it was a
Sunday.

Neil and Nellie's kindergarten always had one day off per week on a Sunday so that the kids could be closer to their parents.

Alice, as their parent, was already in Banyan City for almost a week, yet she knew nothing of that. It was hard to imagine that this was a mother who said she loved her kids.

Joshua furrowed his brows. The scene of Luna leaning by the door and admonishing him last night appeared in his mind.

"Don't bother with the kids' food today. Let Lily handle them."

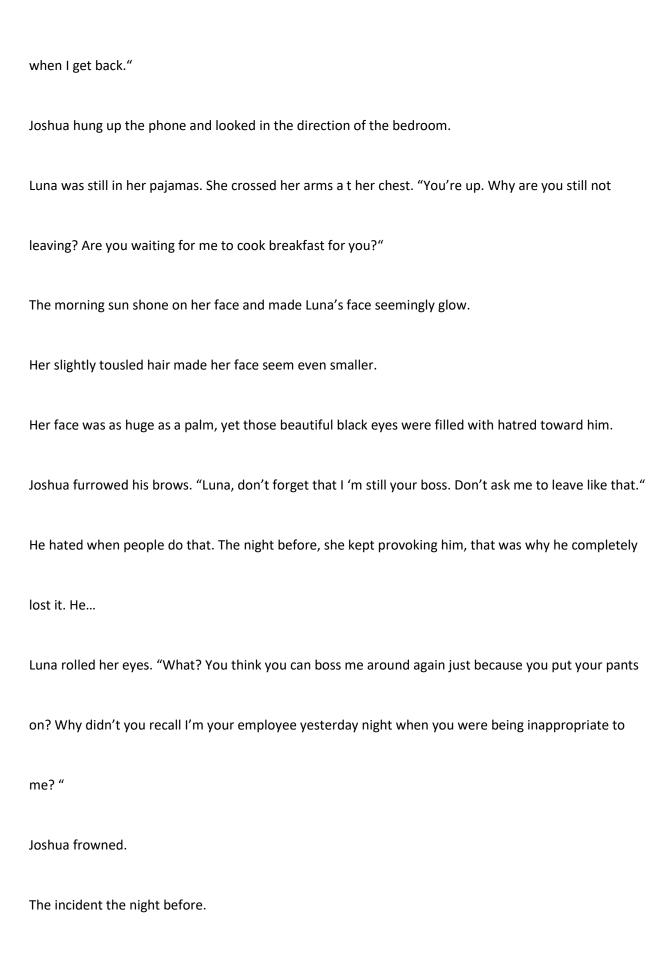
Alice, at the other end of the phone call, paused for a while. She instantly understood. The two rascals must have ratted her out to Joshua.

They might be young, but they were smart!

Although Alice was rather dissatisfied, she still sounded gentle, "Why? Are they unhappy with their mother? I'm just looking after them..."

Joshua wanted to say something else when the bedroom door in the distance opened.

He furrowed his brows and ended the topic. "Just let Lily handle it today. Leave it to her. We'll talk more



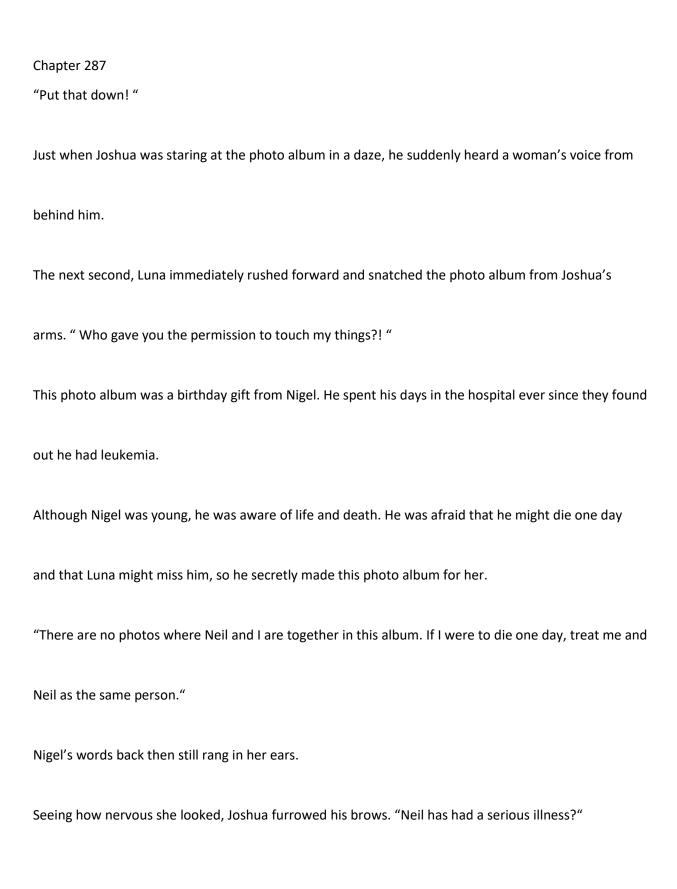
The memory seemed so surreal to him.
Sure enough, if there was a first time, there would be a second time as well. The last time, he could
use the excuse that he was drunk, so he mistook her for Luna Gibson.
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What was Joshua's new excuse? He was not drunk.
He was well aware the entire time that she was Luna and not Luna Gibson.
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Ding, dong! The doorbell abruptly rang.
Accompanied by the doorbell was Theo's concerned voice. "How are you? Are you feeling better? I
brought you some breakfast. Come and have some."
Theo still remembered how Luna felt depressed due to Nellie's call.
"Luna?"
Joshua furrowed his brows. He was about to get up and open the door, but Luna held him back.
"Don't embarrass me! It might not be embarrassing for you, but it is for me! "

She bit her lip and pushed Joshua into the bedroom. "If you dare come out, I'll immediately publicize the footage of Alice at the art gallery!" Luna then closed the bedroom door. She also placed Joshua's shoes behind her luggage. With all that done, Luna took a deep breath and opened the door. "You're up?" Theo chuckled gently. He entered the Luna could not stop him in time. She could only follow him sheepishly. "You're up early." "I get up early every day, so I can bring you breakfast every day in the future." Theo chuckled lightly. He immediately noticed the blanket and its wrinkles on the sofa. "You slept on the sofa last night?" Luna paused for a while before she immediately nodded. "The bedroom is still pretty much in a mess. I haven't tidied them up, so I slept on the sofa." Theo calmly responded. He placed the breakfast on the coffee table. "You have some breakfast then. I'll go help you tidy up your messy bedroom." Theo got up and headed to the bedroom, but Luna immediately pulled him back. "There's no need to

trouble you. Why don't you...have some breakfast with me? Eating alone is quite boring." Theo hesitated a little. He looked at the closed bedroom door, then the pair of men's shoes behind the luggage. In the end, he laughed a little. He sat opposite Luna on the sofa. "Okay, I'll sit and accompany you." Luna inwardly sighed in relief. She smiled and ate breakfast while she chatted with Theo. Joshua silently listened to their conversation from At first, he was very keen on what their topics were, but as they started to talk about their art and design sketches, he lost interest. He turned around and sat on the bed, carefully looking around at Luna's bedroom. Her bedroom was not as messy as how she told Theo—it was extremely clean and tidy. Luna was a hardworking woman. She tidied up her bedroom while he was asleep the night before. A violet bedspread and a white ceramic desk. On her desk was a photo of her and Nellie. Below the photo was a photo album.

He curiously went over and flipped the photo album open.





"No." Luna turned around and carefully kept the album away. "Only the small flu." "He stayed in the hospital for a few months because of the small flu?" Joshua's voice was getting colder. "I checked the dates on the bed. It was at least three to four months." Joshua glared coldly at her. "Why does he have to stay in the hospital for so long if it's just the flu?" Luna was stumped. She turned back and glared at Joshua. "He had the flu almost every month for three to four months. Is that a good enough explanation for you?" "Sure." Joshua changed into a more comfortable position on the bed. He looked at the ceiling and sneered, "Someone scolded me for not taking good care of the kids. She also said that she'd not let her kids suffer. Now you say that Neil had to go to the hospital every month because of the flu?" Luna ignored him. "Theo said that he's coming to pick me up and fetch me to work later. Go quickly while he's not here yet." Joshua was still lying on the bed looking at the ceiling. "Why do you make it sound like we're having an affair?"

Luna's body stiffened. She turned around and glared at Joshua coldly. "Aren't we?"



She gently coughed and returned the phone to Joshua.
"Since you know it wasn't me, what are you trying to say?"
"Other than you and Theo, who else knows about this footage, or has the means to be able to get
them?"
Luna furrowed her brows. "I don't think there's anyone else."
Theo presented the counterfeit art piece secretly. Even the art gallery manager did not know about this.
Theo gave the video to no one else but her.
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The only other person Luna showed the video to was Nigel.
Nigel was a mature kid, and he would not have
simply posted the video. Other than him, there was no one else.
"I'll give you a day to properly think of it. Best if you could give me a list of those who'd be able to obtain
the footage. I want to investigate them one by one."
Luna felt that it was strange. "If you think that the news is bad, why don't you just block it?"
Joshua looked at her coldly. "This footage will affect Alice. I have to check the source of it and prevent

that person from posting it again, so Alice doesn't have to suffer." Luna found it comical at his pretense of caring for Alice. He slept with her the night before, yet he could worry about Alice on her bed at that moment, thinking of how to settle problems on Alice's behalf. What a great man. Suddenly, the doorbell rang once more. Theo's clear and gentle voice came through. "Luna, are you ready? We should go." "Coming, " Luna simply responded before she eyed Joshua once more. Then, she resignedly pulled out a spare key and threw it at him. "Wait for five minutes before you leave. When you leave, lock the door." After instructing Joshua, she took a deep breath, took her coat and bag, and left. At the corridor outside, Theo leaned against the wall with his arms crossed around his chest. "Done giving out instructions?" Luna was stunned. "What?" "Nothing." Theo gently held her by the shoulders and led her into the elevator. "I'll send you to work."

It was not too far from Swan Lake Residences to her office, but neither was it near, either. It was at least half an hour.

Luna was distracted. She only chatted with Theo for less than ten minutes when they ran out of things to talk about.

During the twelfth minute, Theo turned on the radio.

"Last night at ten, an anonymous account posted the video footage of the incident at the art gallery in the city. In the video, Joshua Lynch's wife, Ms. Alice Gibson, crazily rushed over behind Ms. Luna and pushed her toward The Kite and The Girl painting.

"Last night, friends on the internet still felt pity for Ms. Alice because her favorite painting was wrecked, but today, they realized that it was she who ruined the painting!

"No wonder Mr. Lynch was so aggressively trying to pay. He said that he saw nothing. Turns out he was just trying to muddle the situation, all to protect his Upon hearing the news on the radio, Theo could not help but scoff, "This is the only way to treat a manipulative person like Alice! Post the video and clear the situation!"

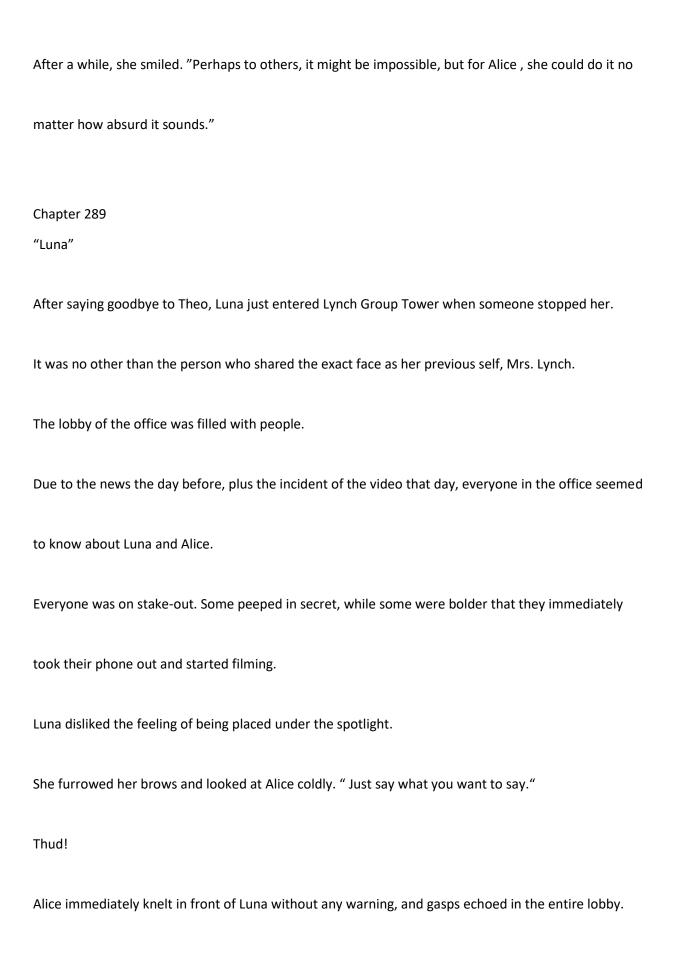
Then, he gave Luna a huge thumbs up. "Nice job! "

Luna helplessly turned and looked at the scenery out of the window. "I didn't post the video. I only found out about it this morning." She lifted her head and looked at Theo. "Besides me, who else did you give the video to?" Theo scratched his head. He thought for a long time before he recalled one other person. "I gave it to Alice." Luna instantly tensed. She turned to look at Theo in shock. "What do you mean? You gave Alice the...surveillance footage?" "Mmh." Theo furrowed his brows. "I saw how Alice bullied you yesterday, how she slandered you, and how she got Granny Lynch to make things difficult for you, so... I registered a new email and sent her the email. I warned her to tone her bullying down. It doesn't mean that we don't have the evidence to bring her

Then, Theo pursed his lips. "I don't think she'd do this, would she? The news are all pointing their fingers at her. She didn't need to post the video just to get scolded, right?"

Luna narrowed her eyes and glanced out of the window.

down."



Alice was also Joshua's wife, no less! The boss' wife knelt before Luna, a mere staff of the office! Luna took a step back and rubbed the middle of her brows. What she said in the car previously was right—Alice was a strange one. Alice posted the video herself, and it caused people on the internet to deride her. At that moment, she stopped Luna at the lobby of the office and knelt to her? Luna wanted to take a few steps back, but there was too much of a crowd. She only took two steps back before she could no longer retreat. In the end, Luna helplessly furrowed her brows and looked at Alice on the floor. "Mrs. Lynch, what are you playing at?" "Please forgive me. " Alice looked up at Luna with tears in the corner of her eyes. "I was wrong the other day. I shouldn't have gotten jealous of you just because you could work with Joshua every day." Alice's words caused an uproar. Did that mean that Alice openly admitted the contents in the video

were true?

Luna frowned. She knew Alice would not come just to apologize.

"Joshua hasn't been back home for the past few nights. He said that he was working late, but every

time I came to the office in the middle of the night, I couldn't find him anywhere."

Alice sniffled, and tears started to fall. "I know that he must've gone to look for you to discuss the latest

jewelry design sketches. Although I was like you, we're not from a jewelry designing background.

Even though I've learned design for a very long time, I don't have your achievements. I know I 'm

stupid, too stupid that Joshua wouldn't let me work

with you in the design department."

Alice knelt on the floor and looked at Luna with her watery eyes. "Please forgive a wife's worries. I don't

have much sense of security."

Alice only used a few sentences to find a perfect excuse to justify her actions for pushing Luna.

Yes, she did push Luna on purpose to hurt her, but she had her reasons.

Who asked Luna to be with Joshua all the time?

Who asked Joshua to go look for Luna in the middle of the night?

The crowd who were on looking sighed.

"We can't blame Mrs. Lynch for this. What normal woman wouldn't mind her husband looking for another woman in the middle of the night?"

"Yes, a single woman should pay attention to this. Even if they were busy working, they shouldn't take up a husband's time."

"Perhaps they weren't only busy working."

The crowd started discussing among themselves.

"Stop finding excuses for me." Upon hearing the comments, Alice had a painful expression. "What I did was still wrong. It's my fault that this happened; Ms. Luna is innocent. I love my husband too much, and that was why I suspected them. They're merely employers and staff. This is all my fault. Even if Ms.

Luna posted the video online which made people on the internet cyber-bully me, I deserved it..."

Then, Alice lifted her head and looked at Luna. "Ms. Luna, can you forgive me? I promise I won't come in between you and Joshua's work. No matter how late Joshua goes to look for you, I won't make any

On the surface, Alice's words might seem to be clearing off the relationship between Luna and Joshua.

noise. I won't try to hurt you anymore. I only beg for your forgiveness."

In truth, she was just putting herself as the victim.
Society would take pity on the weak, especially housewives like her who have been coldly abandoned
by their husbands.
She wanted to blackmail Luna emotionally and forced Luna to forgive her. At that thought, Luna's gaze
turned cold.
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Luna lowered her gaze and looked at Alice on the floor.
"What great acting you have, Mrs. Lynch."
Alice lifted her head and looked at Luna with tears in her eyes. "You're still not willing to forgive me, is
it?
"She just pushed you! It was only a painting! "
"Her husband even paid for the painting, and it's not your money. Why can't you forgive her?"
"Also, which ordinary woman would work with another husband so late into the night? Who are you
lying to?"
"The legitimate wife was merely teaching the mistress a lesson. Now that the wife is begging for



The crowd who did not understand the situation said unreasonable things to Luna. She could not push past through the crowd. Something was not right. These people must have been...placed here by Alice. Subconsciously, Luna turned to look at Alice. Alice was still on her knees, but there was a hint of malice in her smile. "Luna, forgive me, please." Luna narrowed her eyes. Obviously, if she did not forgive Alice, she would not be able to walk out from the crowd. However, if she were to forgive Alice, she was forced to admit she was the mistress who came in between Joshua and Alice. As she stood in the same spot, Luna was silent for a long time. In the end, she looked in the direction of the entrance and smiled. "Are you thinking that I'd be at your mercy since Joshua isn't here?" Alice blinked her watery eyes. "Ms. Luna, I only hope you'll forgive me." Luna sneered. She immediately picked up the phone and dialed. "I'm being trapped by a group of people in the lobby."

Upon her words, the man at the other end of the call immediately responded, "Roger that!" Two minutes later, Zach and Yuri brought bodyguards from outside and quickly rushed over. Under the leadership of the tall and burly Zach and Yuri, they quickly broke the group apart and opened u p a path. "Ms. Luna." Zach bowed at Luna respectfully. "I 'm sorry we came late." "No, it's fine." Luna lowered her gaze and looked at Alice, who still knelt on the ground and looked shocked. "Listen carefully. "First, I didn't leak the video out. I also didn't get the people on the internet to bully you. You should know clearly what happened. "Second, even if you apologized, I won't forgive you. Stop your emotional blackmails. "Lastly," Luna sneered, "you said that Joshua hasn't been back home for many nights. What does that have to do with me? Don't you dare pin it on me and try to get me to admit it!" Then, Luna left under the protection of Zach and Yuri. They went up the elevator coolly.

Everyone in the lobby turned quiet.
They were looking at Alice on the floor and dared say nothing.
Two men helped Alice up to her feet. "Why did you not stop them?" she fumed.
The men said rather guiltily, "We could still take the woman, but those bodyguards"
Zach and Yuri were tall and burly. The men were no match for them.
"Bunch of useless trash!" Alice coldly scolded just when Zach and Yuri led the group of bodyguards
walking past her.
She stopped them. "As the bodyguards of the Lynch group, why did you listen to a mere designer, but
not me, the president's wife?"
Zach and Yuri looked at each other and smiled. "We'll only listen to our boss."
"Who's your boss? Joshua Lynch?" "Neil Gibson."